

Application No. 09/412,082
Amendment dated April 20, 2007

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheets of drawings include a replacement sheet 7/16 incorporating changes to original Fig. 16, now identified as Fig. 12. Furthermore, the attached sheets of drawings include new sheets 8/16 – 16/16 containing Figs. 16-26. Figs. 16-26 correspond in substantial part to Figs. 1-4, 31, 33-37, and 40, respectively, of the U.S. Patent 6,080,155 incorporated by reference into the present application.

Attachment: Annotated Sheet showing changes to original Fig. 16, now identified as Fig. 12 on Replacement Sheet 16/16; and New Sheets 7/16 – 16/16 containing Figs. 16-26.

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REMARKS

The above-identified application was allowed in the Office Action mailed February 15, 2007. The issue fee has not been paid.

Subsequent to the receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant noted that a timely filed Form PTO-1449 submitted with the Information Disclosure Statement dated February 15, 2001 has yet to be received by Applicant. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that Examiner forward a signed and initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 to Applicant.

Furthermore, subsequent to the Notice of Allowance, Applicant noted that a complete original Fig. 16 was not included in a previous amendment to the drawings. As such, Applicant has amended the present application to include original Fig. 16, now identified Fig. 12.

Also, subsequent to the receipt of the Notice of Allowance, Applicant noted that some of the allowed claims relied on portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,080,155 (the "'155 patent") incorporated by reference into the present application for support. As such, the requested amendments to the specification and drawings are submitted to incorporate portions of the '155 patent in substantial part into the present application. For example, the specification at the paragraph bridging pages numbered 19 and 20 has been amended to include portions of the '155 patent corresponding in substantial part to column 20, lines 16-19 and 50-67; column 21, lines 2-52; column 35, lines 46-67; column 36, lines 1-23 and 51-67; and column 37, lines 1-3. Furthermore, the specification at the paragraph bridging pages 21 and 22 has been amended to include portions of the '155 patent corresponding in substantial part to column 37, lines 34-57 and 62-67; and column 38, lines 9-27, 34-37 and 39-44. Also, Figs. 16-26 corresponding in substantial part to Figs. 1-4, 31, 33-37, and 40, respectively, of the '155 patent have been added to the present application.

Each of the requested amendments is fully supported by the specification and drawings, will not require an additional search, and does not raise new issues.

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Therefore, applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered and the requested changes made.

To the extent any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is required to obtain entry of this reply, such extension is hereby respectfully requested. If there are any fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 which are not enclosed herewith, including any fees required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

Respectfully submitted,

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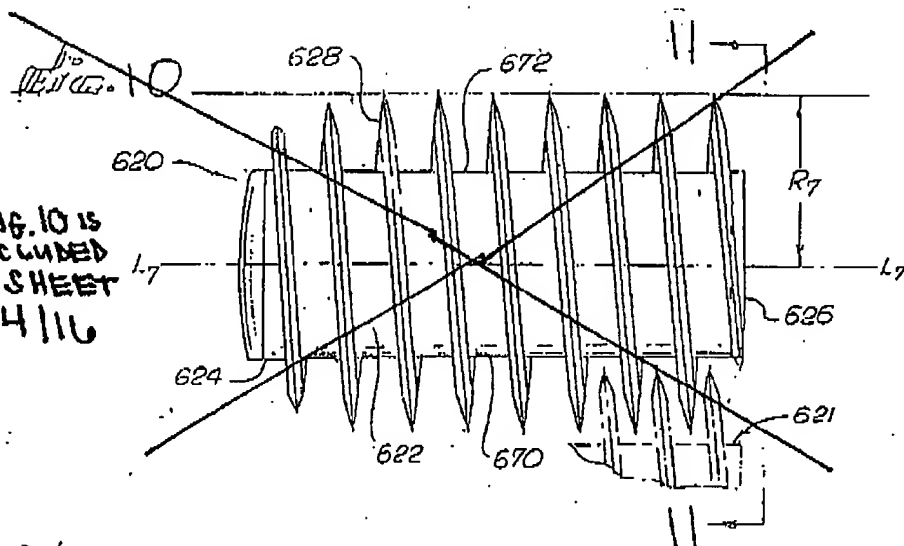


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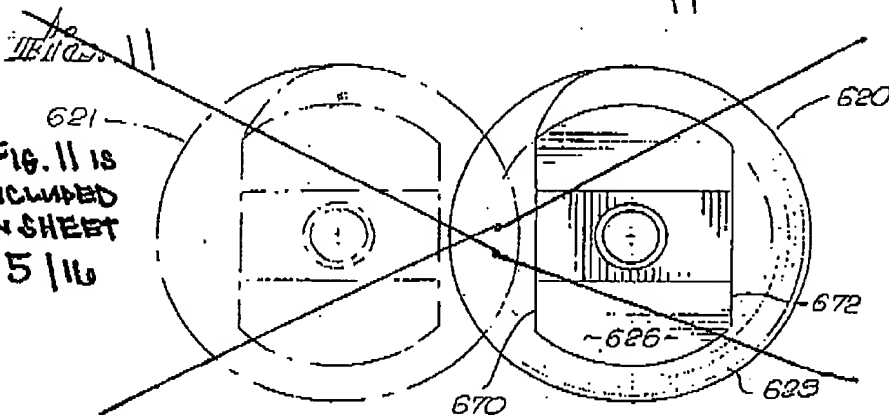


FIG. 12

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